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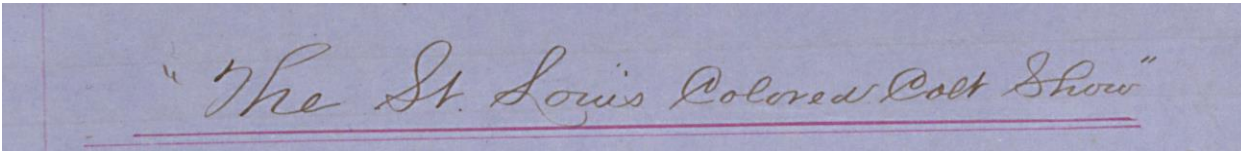


**Gary M. Clemens, Clerk**

## **Black History Month Moment**

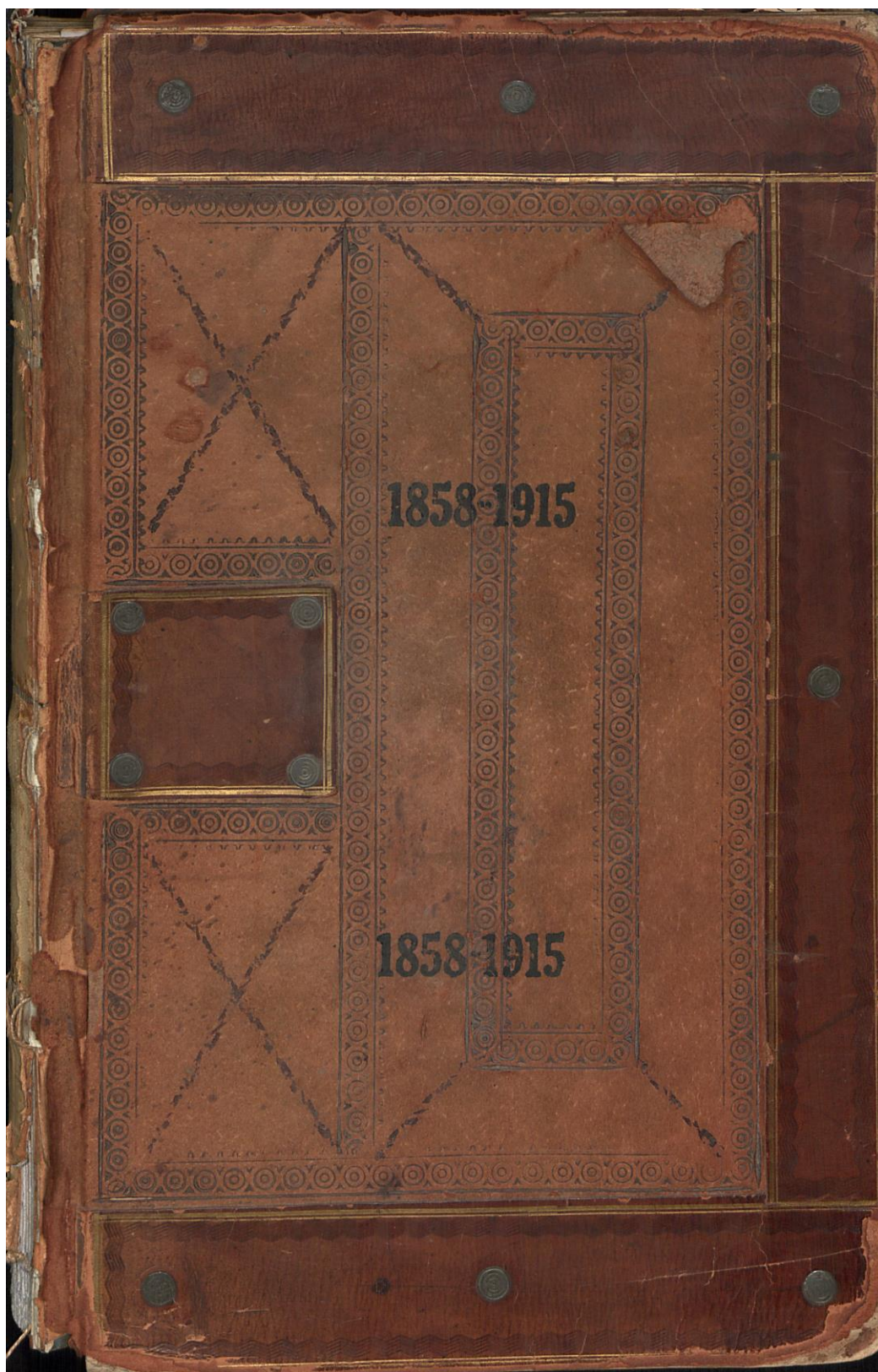
from the Clerk's Historic Records Team

We typically recognize and honor Black History Month each year in the Clerk's Office by hosting an educational program but due to the coronavirus pandemic we are offering a virtual program through our website during the month of February. Each week, we will post some information and images of court records that share some of the history relevant to Black History Month during the month of February. We hope you enjoy reading and viewing this information.



**St. Louis Colored Colt Show Company, 1898, Charter Book 1858-1915, Pages 123-125**

The Village of St Louis was founded by freed slaves after the Civil War. In response to the Upperville Colt and Horse show, which did not allow African American participation, Charles McQuay, a former slave, and other black community leaders formed the St. Louis Colored Colt Show Company in 1898. The show was to "*...provide for and hold exhibitions of horses and colts and to arrange and conduct contests of speed and jumping and such other tests of excellence in horses and colts usual at county fairs, but no gambling of any sort shall be allowed.*"





"The St. Louis Colored Colt Show"

To Hon. C. E. Nicol, Judge of the Loudoun  
Circuit Court

This is to certify that the undersigned  
desire to form a joint Stock Company, to be constituted  
of themselves and such other persons as they may as-  
sociate with them to be incorporated for the purposes  
and upon the terms hereinafter set forth in accordance  
with the provisions of Section 1145 of the Code of Virginia  
as amended by the Acts of Assembly, 1891-2 - Chap. 323  
2 " " " " " " 1895-6 Ch. 748 C

so far as affected by said amendments.

1st. The name of said Company shall be "The St. Louis  
Colored Colt Show"

2nd The purposes for which it is formed are the im-  
provement of horses; to provide for and hold exhibi-  
tions of horses & colts and to arrange and conduct  
contests of speed and jumping; and such other tests  
of excellence in horses and colts as are usual at  
County fairs, but no gambling of any sort shall be  
allowed

3rd The Capital Stock of said Company is to be  
not less than Five hundred dollars nor more  
than Three thousand dollars, to be divided  
into shares of Five dollars each.



- 4<sup>th</sup> The amount of real estate proposed to be held by said Company is not to exceed Twenty Acres,  
 5<sup>th</sup> The place at which its principal office is to be kept is St. Louis, near Union Landing, County Virginia  
 6<sup>th</sup> The principal business of said Company is to be to provide a suitable place for the exhibition of horses and colts and conduct such exhibitions; to provide and arrange for such tests of excellence and improvement of said animals, as may seem to it proper, to provide, offer and award premiums, purses, and other rewards for merit in such animals, and prescribe the conditions and rules under which they shall be bestowed, and do all other things which may be proper and reasonable for the accomplishment of the general purposes of the Company's organization.  
 7<sup>th</sup> The names and residences of the officers who for the first year are to manage the affairs of the company are as follows viz:  
 President, H. C. Robinson Union Va.  
 Vice President, Lloyd Champ, Mountville Va.  
 Secretary, Joseph Payne Silcotts Springs Va.  
 Treasurer, Harry Jackson Philomont Va.  
 Directors, Jno. Howard Wellbourne Va.  
 Chas Jackson Union Va.  
 Nat Jackson " "

Witness our hands and seals to the above writing on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1898

Henry C. Robinson Seal  
 Lloyd Champ Seal  
 Harry Jackson Seal  
 Chas. Jackson Seal  
 Jno. Howard Seal  
 Richard Ross Seal  
 Robert Johnson Seal  
 Robert Johnson Jr Seal  
 James Walden Seal  
 Albert Ash Seal

Laudem County, Tenn.

J. M. Puer a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that Henry C. Robinson, Lloyd Champ, Harry Jackson, Chas Jackson, Jno. Howard, Richard Ross, Robert



Johnson & Robert Johnson Jr. James Walden & Albert Ash  
whose names are signed to the above writing bearing  
date on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1898, have acknowledged  
the same before me in my County aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1898

J. M. Furr J. P.

Upon the application and certificate of Henry C.  
Robinson, Lloyd Champ, Harry Jackson, Chas. Jackson,  
Jno. Howard, Richard Ross, Robert Johnson, Robert John-  
son Jr. Jas. Walden, & Albert Ash, attached hereto  
and ordered to be recorded herewith this day pre-  
sented to me in vacation and it appearing that  
the same, is duly executed and acknowledged, in  
compliance with section 1145 of the Code of Virginia and  
the amendments thereof, I, C. E. Nicol Judge of Loudoun  
County Court do hereby grant unto the said Henry C.  
Robinson, Lloyd Champ, Harry Jackson, Chas. Jackson  
Jno. Howard, Richard Ross, Robert Johnson, Robert  
Johnson Jr. Jas. Walden, and Albert Ash, and as-  
sociates a Charter of Incorporation upon the terms  
set forth in said certificate and do adjudge order  
and decree that the aforesaid persons and such other  
persons as may become associated with them as stock-  
holders in such company and their successors  
be and are hereby incorporated into a body politic  
and corporate, and under the name of "The St. Louis  
Colored Colt Show" with all the general powers  
and subject to all the restrictions applying and  
belonging to such companies under the laws of the  
Commonwealth of Virginia

Given under my hand this 27<sup>th</sup> day July 1898

The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Loudoun County  
is ordered to spread the aforesaid certificate and  
Charter upon the proper order book of said Court

C. E. Nicol

Judge of the Circuit Court for  
Loudoun County, Virginia

Clerk's office Circuit Court Loudoun Co.

July 28, 1898

The foregoing certificate and charter of the "St. Louis  
Colored Colt Show" was this day received in said  
office, and recorded, and is hereby certified to the Secre-  
tary of the Commonwealth for recordation in his office according  
to law  
Leslie C. L. Bennett cc.